Widening of Delhi-Agra NH-2

2446. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to widen Delhi-Agra National Highway No. 2 from existing 4 lane to 6 lane or 8 lane;

(b) if so, whether Government acquire the land/houses constructed by the poor villagers etc., along the National Highway No. 2 for this purpose;

(c) whether Government would also pay the due compensation for the houses demolished and the land acquired for the purpose at the current market rate; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be started and be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) There is no proposal at present to widen the Delhi-Agra section of National Highway-2 from four-lane to six/eight-lane.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Condition of National Highways in Himachal Pradesh

2447. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of pathetic conditions of National Highways after the flood, land slides etc., every year in Himachal Pradesh and the inadequate funds for maintenance of the National Highways in the State;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal pending with Government for allocation of more funds for Himachal Pradesh for better maintenance of National Highways in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) National Highways in Himachal Pradesh are being maintained in traffic-worthy condition with in available resources.

(b) to (d) Against allotment of Rs. 15.14 crore so far made for the maintenance, fund requirement indicated by State PWD is Rs. 17.25 crore.

NH Projects with World Bank Assistance

2448. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some National Highways projects are under consideration with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, the names and number of those projects;

(c) the length and estimate cost of those projects; and

(d) the amount of World Bank assistance obtained for those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Discussions with World Bank for assistance is an on-going process.

(b) to (d) The details of National Highway Projects under implementation with World Bank assistance are given at statement.

Statement

Details of Projects being undertaken with World Bank assistance

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Length (in km.)	Amount of Loan	Likely cost of completion (Rs. in Crores)
1.	Grand Trunk Road Improvement Project	420	US $ 589 Million	2939.34 (Approx US $ 612 Million)
2.	Third National Highway Project	477	US $ 516 Million	2827.50 (Approx US $ 589 Million)